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accessing the travel database to locate travel information corresponding to the destination location and the appointment time; and

determining an arrival time at an intermediate point within a vicinity of the destination location using the located travel information that allows time for traveling between the intermediate point and the destination location to ensure arrival at the destination location by the appointment time.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al. (U.S. Patent 5,948,040).

Applicants have amended claims 1, 20 and 39 to specifically and more clearly recite that the step/instruction for determining an arrival time determines an arrival time at an intermediate point within a vicinity of the destination location using the located travel information that allows time for traveling between the intermediate point and the destination location to ensure arrival at the destination location by the appointment time.

Applicants do not acquiesce in the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al.

The Examiner takes the position that DeLorme et al. discloses each of the instructions or steps of independent claims 1, 20, and 39.

DeLorme et al.'s system is like that described in the description of the related art of the present application. DeLorme et. al. discloses a travel reservation and

planning system that allows a user to search for travel information using many different types of criteria including a where, when, how, what and who. Using this type of criteria a user can query data records. The user may view found data and select, in an iterative fashion, a travel plan.

DeLorme et al. does not disclose, at least, receiving a travel goal having a destination location and appointment time or determining an arrival time within a vicinity of the destination location that allows time for traveling between the intermediate point and the destination location to ensure arrival at the destination location by the appointment time as required by independent claims 1, 20, and 39.

DeLorme et al. discloses, in columns 51-52 and in Fig. 6, steps for determining whether intermediate stops may be added to an overall travel plan. For example, if a traveler wishes to add a stop at a concert, the system determines if the timing of the concert fits between the start and stop times of the trip. The start and stop times of the trip are either specifically designated by the traveler or the system may estimate the initial trip start time and the final stop time based on previous information input by the user. At col. 51, lines 52-56. DeLorme et al. describes estimating these times based on user input time and place of departure, optional intermediate stops, a final destination and selected routing parameters. Col. 52, lines 1-3 of DeLorme et al. clarifies that this estimation of start and stop times is performed by referring to transportation selections previously made by the traveler using a routing program. The estimation is made using information input by the traveler while iteratively creating

a travel plan. Estimating an initial start time and a final stop time of the entire trip does not require calculating the time needed to travel between an intermediate point and a destination. DeLorme et al. does not disclose determining an arrival time within a vicinity of the destination location that allows time for traveling between the intermediate point and the destination location to ensure arrival at the destination location by the appointment time

Accordingly, DeLorme et al. does not anticipate the present invention as recited in independent claims 1 and 20, and 39 and the rejection of these claims under Section 102 should be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 2-19 and 21-38, and 40-57 are allowable, for at least the reasons given above with respect to independent claims 1, 20 and 39, and the rejection of these claims under section 102 should be withdrawn.

The Examiner takes the position that DeLorme et al. discloses each of the steps of claim 58.

DeLorme et al. does not disclose the claimed method, including at least the steps of receiving a travel goal having a destination location and appointment time and the step of recommending travel options and modes of transportation to ensure arrival at the destination location by the appointment time. DeLorme et al. discloses allowing a user to search and view information on more than one mode of transportation, but does not provide the intelligence for recommending a plurality of travel options and

secondary modes of transportation to ensure arrival at the destination location by the appointment time, as required by claim 58.

Similarly, DeLorme et al. does not anticipate the invention as recited in claim 59. DeLorme et al. does not disclose this claimed invention, including at least a travel goal subsystem for receiving a travel goal including a destination location and appointment time and a transportation subsystem having instructions to select modes and times of transportation based on the travel goal.

DeLorme et al. discloses allowing a user to search and view information on more than one mode of transportation, but does not provide instructions for selecting modes and times of transportation based on the travel goal, as required by claim 59.


Accordingly, DeLorme et al. does not anticipate the present invention as recited in independent claims 58 and 59 and the rejection of these claims under Section 102 should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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